

FEEDBACK



Quote of the Month.

There is only one difference between the taxman and a taxidermist, the taxidermist leaves the hide.

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BUYING INTER-STATE

We are all well aware of the fact that Ipswich (or Queensland for that matter) has little to offer for Commodore users in general. The large chain department stores like K-Mart, Big W, Target and Myers are about the only place in nearly any city. As for Brisbane, there are only a handful of computer stores which stock any Commodore products, such stores include Software 80, PC-Ease (?), and of course, Alliance Computers. Computer View (now called Alliance Computers) is the one and ONLY computer store in Ipswich which stock Commodore products. This I think to be a bit unfortunate in that there is no competition and they have the monopoly in the town, and anywhere else is too far away if you are just looking.

The alternative to this is of course, the phone. We all know that "The Australian Commodore and Amiga Review" (ACAR) has heaps of ads in them and most of the suppliers are either in New South Wales or in Victoria, all of them have competitive prices and offer a wide range of hardware and software for Commodore computers.

So why not try shopping from home?

Most people have heard about the pro's and con's of "Mail-Order" and we all know it is a risky game, especially if the item you are buying proves faulty and has to be returned (most of the time at your own expense!), but let's take a look at some things I have purchased by "Mail-Order"...

My first encounter with mail order was when I bought my second 3.5" disk drive from Computer Discounts, they advertise in the ACAR every

month. All the stores in Brisbane/Ipswich had drives for sale at around the \$299 mark, Computer Discounts had this brand advertised for \$199 plus \$12 postage and handling. Now Robert Howard was the one to put me onto this company, he purchased the same drive when they had it on special at this price and said it was a great little drive and he had no problems with it. So I was sold and not long after, I had my second drive on my desk working great (and still is!).

The next time was when I was looking for some more disks, again I was referred to a company called "Micro Educational" by another person who had dealings with them via Mail-Order, I purchased 100 3.5" disks for \$2 plus p/h charges, and they threw in a \$30 disk box for free.

Next was my new printer. After selling my IBM calculator (just kidding John) along with my MPS 1200, I shopped around Brisbane/Ipswich for a price on a Star NX-100 colour printer. Nearly everywhere quoted me between \$650 to \$700 for that type of printer, I shopped in the ACAR and found a company called Busi-Soft Computers had them advertised for \$549. Fair enough, there was a postage and handling charge of \$25 which brought the price up to \$574, it was still a lot cheaper than buying it from your own home town (The printer also came with Parallel-Centronics cable free!). Again, I had no problems with the printer.

Now I know that you are taking a risk when you do purchase items in this fashion, you can't see the product before you get it, The company may fold up and disappear leaving you with a faulty device,

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DISKS

5.25"-\$10-00 per box of 10
3.25"-\$25-00 per box of 10
or \$2-50 each.

Disks are available from
Phil Bishop at the
Treasurer's desk.

Show your support and buy from the Club.

Club Meeting times are:

Meeting night.

Fourth Tuesday of each month, commencing
7.00pm. Members and guests welcome.

Workshop nights.

First and third Tuesday of each month,
commencing 7.00pm. Members only.

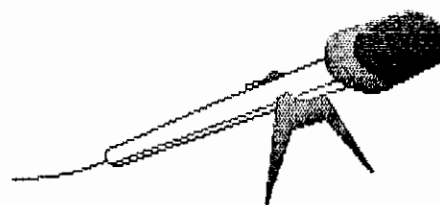
Tutorial nights.

Second and fifth Tuesday of the month,
commencing 7.00pm. Members and guests
welcome.

Location: Ipswich East State School, Jacaranda
Street.

Borrowing from the Library

The Library is open on the second and fourth
Tuesday of each month. Three disks may be
borrowed at a time, but must be returned on the
next library night. If disks are not returned on
time, the borrower may forfeit library privileges
for six weeks. **Remember,** Do not remove write
protect tabs and report corrupt disks to the



**MADAME (DOES THIS
MICROPHONE WORK)
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi! Welcome to all new members. At our last meeting we discussed the long wait that come 64/128 members are experiencing on library nights. We are still trying to find a way that will speed the return and receiving of disks up. If anyone has any suggestions to help us in this matter please contact one of the committee members so we can discuss it at a committee meeting.

The other library night I happened to see all the Amiga people sitting in the corner of the room waiting for Caroline to arrive. It is nice to see that Amiga owners know where they should be, sorry Andrew.

Sharyn Heys.
(President)

(Ed. You'll keep!)

Look at this space!
This is a NIGHTMARE for
Editors

YOU can help stop this
nightmare by filling this space
with YOUR article contributed
to the Feedback.

Feedback is printed by Snarlin' Dog Press Karrabin using Photocopying processes and A4 paper, from original text using for this issue Amiga PageSetter (and some sort of C64 publishing programme), on behalf of ICCUG (inc.). Feedback is registered for transmission by post as a paper glider. The A4 paper is environmentally safe, being made from only the ripe greenies at the top of the tree. The editor, being an honorarium (no dear, that's also not a secret society), refuses to accept responsibility for the content of Feedback.

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or you might wait weeks or months for your purchase to arrive on your door step. Just like buying from a local store, the same applied here, "Let the Buyer Beware!"

I, personally would never buy from a three line add in the Courier Mail, I would buy, however, from a firm that has been placing full-page adds in computer magazines for nearly every issue you have seen, that proved in itself, it has the clients, It has financial status, and they are obviously a legitimate company with after sales support.

Before you buy, make sure you have looked around the local shops and then look at what is to offer in the magazines. You may see something you need at a great price in a magazine, then go back to the local shop and show them the price and let them sweat on it enough that they might try to beat that price (or at least match it). If you can't beat the locals down, call the company and ask questions like warranty, after-sales support, delivery charges, and how long do they expect it to arrive at your doorstep.

There are a number of ways you can pay of course, just like any normal stores. You can place an order by mail enclosing a cheque for the correct amount (this also includes the price for postage back), hence "Mail-Order"!, you can also use Australia Post's "Money Order", but this will cost you more than it's really worth. You can also take a risk and place the order by phone and quote them your Bankcard/Visa card number, this involves a certain amount of trust and there is a risk in your call being "listened into" by undesirable people.

Call me a risk taker, but I prefer to look in a magazine before looking around local stores, and I also use my credit card number over the phone when placing an order just to speed the process up (instead of waiting for them to receive my cheque and order by mail which adds a few days to the order).

So when next you are in the market to buy computer equipment, or any equipment for that matter, remember, your options are not just within the limits of your driving range, the best price and service may be as close as your nearest magazine.

EDITOR FOR A DAY'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Bob Lucas is away for this issue so he asked me to fill in for him for this month. As you can see, it's not as packed as usual, but I hope it still makes for good reading all the same.

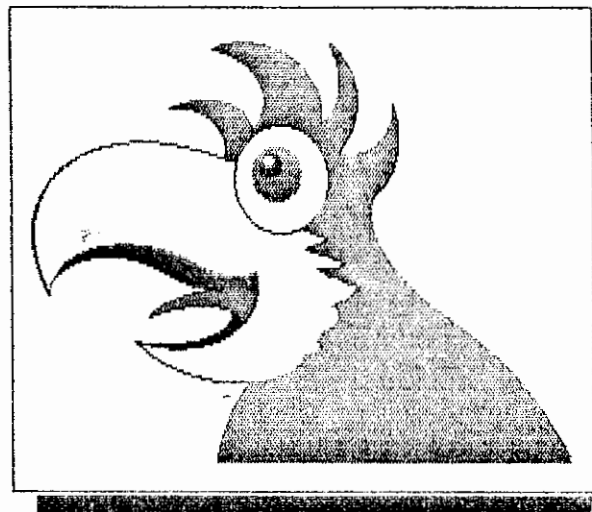
Scoop! Read On! Nev has actually contributed to this issue for the first time in the Feedback history!, a real collectors edition!

Anyway read on, and enjoy!

Andrew Buttner.

Tid Bits

I won't mention the names of the people who stayed back to all hours last workshop night just taking, because they were not JUST talking, boy oh boy! ears are burning! The topics ranged from Gold Fish to "Microphones"! (just check all the members faces now, those with red faces have just read this section and know what I'm taking about, and it's not a pretty topic!). But all-in-all, it was an "inspiring" night to say the least.



64/128 Disk Librarians Report (NEV SPEAKS!!!!)

Yes folks, just when we've all given up and thought that Nev would never submit a report, think again, with a little encouragement from me, Nev has finally submitted an article for the Feedback! Jeep this copy, this could be a collectors edition!

Here it is folks...

At Present, the 64 disks are under review, the latest editions are being Backed-up, see the list below for the new editions, as well as these, I have some interesting new games to be added shortly (Druel, Druel).

Any helpful hints for the library in general would be greatly appreciated.

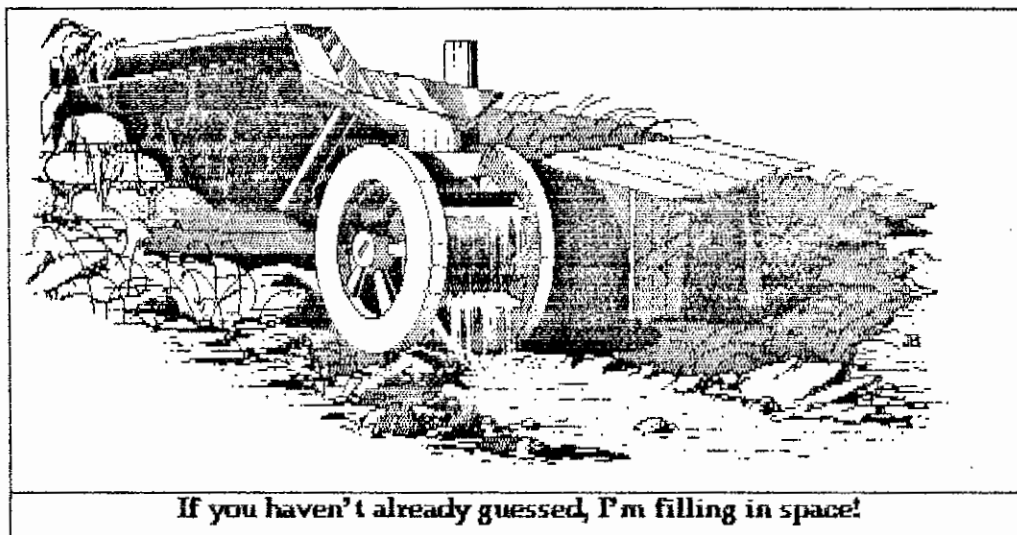
If you have a good program, be it a game or utility, Let Me know as I am always on the lookout for new additions to the library, so don't hog all the good programmes for yourself, let everyone use it!

Until next time, See ya!

Nev Higgins.
(64.128 Disk Librarian)

LIST OF DISKS ON THE 28/03/90

AWARDDWARE	N009
BASIC COMPIL 128	N025
BATTLE CHESS	N005
BEACH-HEAD II	N028
BLITZ 128	N024
BOULDERDASH KIT	N029
CARMEN IN EUROPE	N022
CARMEN IN USA	N023
CERTIFICATE MAKER	N008
F14 TOMCAT S1&2	N013
F14 TOMCAT S3&4	N014
GAZETTE OCT 89	N020
GAZETTE SEP&NOV	N019
MAVERICK PARAMS	N002
MAVERICK PARAMS	N011
MAVERICK PARAMS2	N003
MAVERICK PARAMS2	N012
MAVERICK V3	N010
MAVERICK V4	N001
PETSPEED	N007
POWERDRIFT	N021
PRINTPOWER UPDATE	N020
PRINTPOWER	N006
PUB DOMAIN 8-128	N018
PUB DOMAIN B	N016
PUB DOMAIN B	N017
PUB DOMAIN NO1	N015
RAMBOARD UTILITY	N004
TURBO 64 EDITOR	N030
TURBO ROACH 64	N031
WINTER GAMES	N027



AMIGA Feedback



(Given up on PageStream now back to PageSetter)

This section is only going to be short, as from this month the Amiga people will also be able to get the club's very own "Magazine on Disk"

We've called it "AmiMag", it may change later to suit the club. It's packed with all sorts of great stuff from music to games and utilities, with all the articles and contributions of the Feedback.

I must say, Caroline must have been burning the midnight oil this time, her contribution is next to tremendous, and I must admit I like my portrait! great work Caroline.

I would like to officially welcome Phil Bishop to the ranks of the Amiga Bandwagon, yes, the one man in the computer whom everybody thought would not buy a "Poor Man's 128" has rocked the very foundations of the club and bought an Amiga 500 expanded to 1 Meg, California 3.5" disk drive AND a 5.25" 40/80 track disk drive! Really, behind all the stirring and jesting, he appreciated the Amiga, and I think we all took him for gospel. As I made fun of the 64's in a previous edition (16 things to do with your C64), I was branded a traitor and a 64 rubbishier. I'm not, I still have admiration for the Commodore 64 and for those who use them, and I feel Phil is the same likewise. Again, welcome aboard Phil.

It is rumoured that the IBM section is now about to flourish from a humble one (John Burnett) to a slightly larger four. Kerry Nutley will be lashing out with an AT setup, so too will Phil Bishop (Double Dipping Phil?) and a new member by the name of Matthew with a Commodore Colt. Again, great to see four types of computer users under the one roof (64, 128, Amiga, & IBM). John Burnett will be starting an IBM library shortly (Dum De-Dum Dum!).

Phil is annoyed! yes, I have just bought a 5.25" 40/80 track disk drive for my Amiga for \$100 less than what Phil bought his for, that'll teach you for

showing me computer catalogues! Seriously, Island Software has given the club their catalog containing hardware, software, and consumables with very reasonable prices. The 5.25" drive I bought cost \$299, and with the saving I will yield with buying 5.25" disk as compared to 3.5" disks, it will pay for itself in no time. I know Phil will agree when I say it is well worth it! (A full review next issue)

DigiView Gold is still here and I am STILL waiting for someone to come and use it! Peter Bailey and Steven Reidlinger will be hiring it out for a week to work on a game project so it will be going to some use. As for the rest of you, I would like some feedback. The prices are as follows:

For each picture put straight to disk - 20 cents
For each picture printed on B/W - 50 cents
For each picture printed on colour - 1 dollar

If you want to have your favourite on your computer, or a diagram/picture put in your next assignment, call me on (07) 281-8820 after hours or leave a message during working hours to make a time to come over and have it done. We will hire it out for the week for \$5 but we must know we can trust you and it will be put to a reasonable use.

If anyone is interested, I have for sale a DataCraft Direct-Link Modem. it's a 300 baud modem with cables to suit both the Amiga 500/2000 and 1000. It comes with its own phone and socket for plugging straight into the telephone socket and its own power supply. Price - \$100. Call me on (07) 281-8820 a/h.

Please, if anyone wants to contribute to the Amiga Feedback, don't hesitate to submit an article.

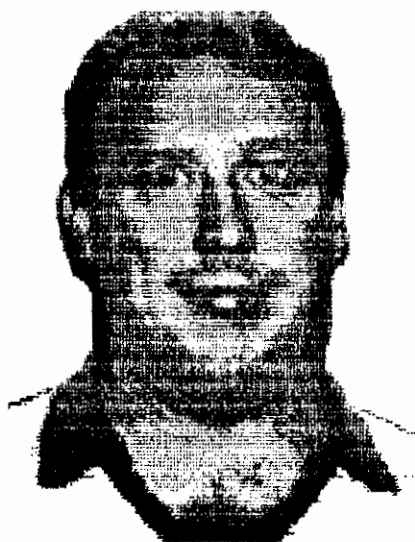
Andrew Buttner

DIGI VIEW GOLD AMIGA



MADAME PRESIDENT

One of the photographer's better attempts. He really is getting better .



AMIGA WELCOMES PHIL TO THE FOLD.

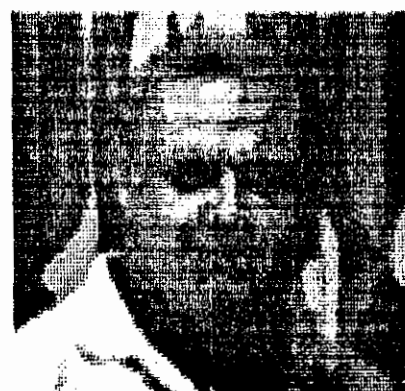
Perhaps this is a sign of the times and that soon more 64/128 people will join the ranks of happy and satisfied AMIGA owners.

This is what we can do with questionable photography and great models. Just imagine what we could do when the photographer gets his act together. He will be able to do this when we buy a black and white security camera. The colour wheel that came with the digitizer enables digitizing to be done in colour with this camera. The whole club will benefit from this video digitizing setup. It will be at Andrew's place for safe keeping and he is most willing to do video digitizing for any club member for a small price which has yet to be determined. The club will of course benefit financially. If you want pictures digitized see Andrew.

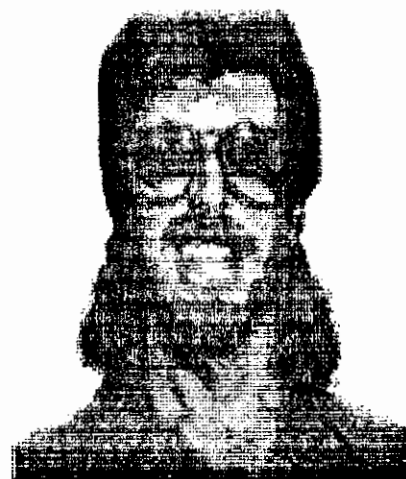
At the moment he can only digitize pictures from videos but when we get the camera you will be able to have photographs and pictures from books and magazines done as well. Coloured pictures would be useful for school projects so that pictures can be taken from good books without having to damage the books and the digitized pictures can be pasted into projects or used with wordprocessors that take graphics into their documents. For those without printers or Amigas printing of digitized pictures in black and white or colour can be arranged.



HAPPY AMIGA OWNER



FOUNDER OF THE I.B.M. SECTION OF THE CLUB.
A shady character indeed.



THE CLUB'S NEW SECRETARY. Actually he's not new, he's just been recycled.



AMIGA LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

VIRUS ALERT!!! VIRUS ALERT!!!

That ugly word VIRUS has to be said again. I recently received back a Library disk that wasn't working. On investigating I discovered that it had a nasty version of the LAMER VIRUS on it. I had to use "Kill da virus" on the latest Alliance Antivirus Pak to find it and kill it. That seems to be the best detect/kill programme to use and so if you haven't got it come and see me as soon as possible. It is very important that every Amiga owner check their disks with this programme now before you lose valuable data as it is probably on other Library disks. Please remember to check all Library disks with a Virus detect/kill programme before doing anything else with them. It is in your own best interest to do this.



This is what will be coming after you if you infect a Library disk with a Virus. Believe me, she definitely is not friendly and is not nearly as nice as she looks!!!



This is Andrew, He is a nice, happy, funloving guy who is always willing to be helpful to other club members.

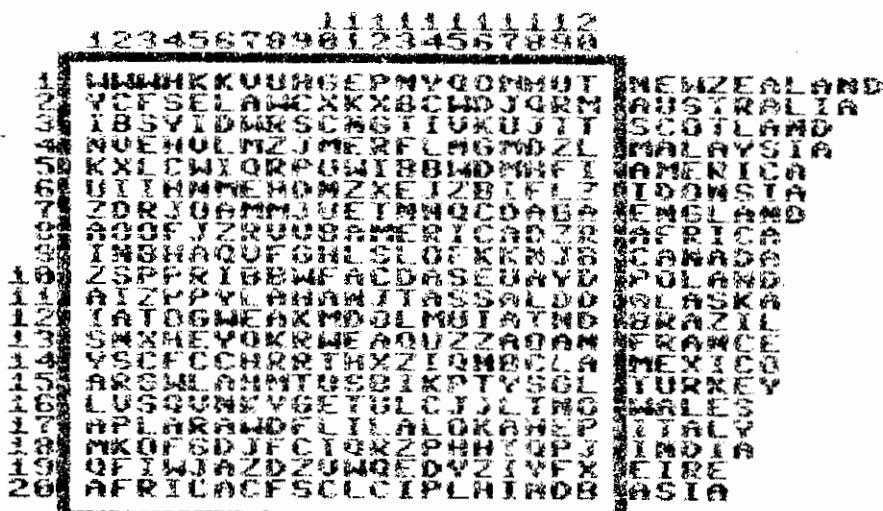


This is what happens to Andrew when someone infects his disks with a Virus.

If you don't want the two ghouls pictured on this page after your blood then get VIRUS CONSCIOUS and CONSCIENTIOUS about checking disks!!!!!!!

Puzzle Page

Word Find



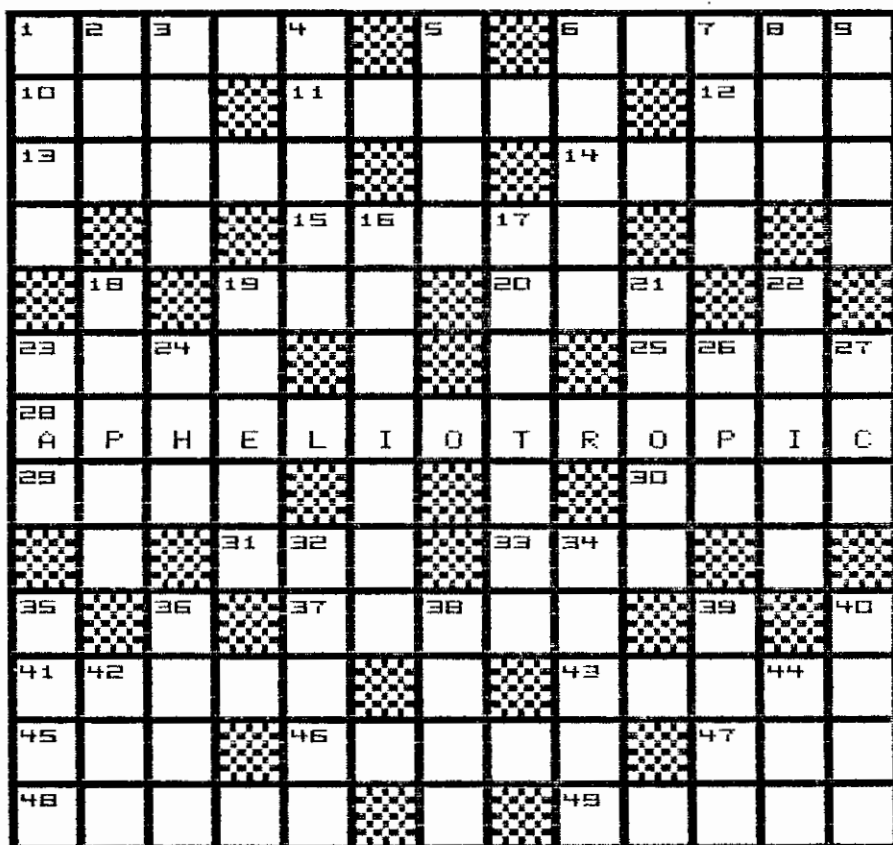
The words in the list to the right of the grid are contained in the jumble of letters within the grid. They may run left to right, right to left, down, up or diagonally up or down. Disregard the numbers on the sides as they are used in the computer version.

Good hunting,
Malcolm Brown

Compiled using Compute's Printscreen and Word Find programs

Julie's Crossword

FB APR90



Run Magic

for Commodore C64 / C128 Computers

Presented
by



Ol' Bun'nut

What a painful experience the computing world can be. I've seen the demise of the brilliant C128 and I can see the faithful old C64 edging towards the same end. The world has been taken over by those sickly virus-ridden Amigas. Even **Chief Snarlin' Dog** has been bitten by the flea (er bug). Where will it all end you may well ask? To use Mr. Peacocks' profound election statement "Who's to know".

After busting my boiler for the past 2 1/2 years to get a 1571 disk drive for my 128, I have finally achieved that goal after some wheeling and dealing. The joy was short lived because I have just committed a despicable act. I have purchased a 'IBM Compatible'. While some may cry and some may swear, at least we now have one happy little vegemite in our group. **John Burnett** was fast becoming suicidal at being an orphan. At last report, the colour (opps - **color** to us computer freaks) was coming back to his cheeks and he could even manage a smile when he heard my news.

You may wonder what all this has got to do with **RUN MAGIC**. Well - absolutely nothing but **SD 'FIDO'** has been giving me a bit of flak lately about his Amiga so I thought I would have the last word - "LONG LIVE IBM".

64 FAST DIRECTORY... Not only does 64 Fast Directory quickly display the C-64's disk directory, but it quietly resides in memory until needed. After you run the program, entering SYS49152 in Direct or Program mode will display the disk directory.

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0 REM C-64 EASY DIRECTORY - JEFF PANICI
10 PRINT"[SHFT CLR]";CK=:PRINT"CHECKING:";S=49152
20 FORX=STOS+88:READD:POKEX,D:CK=CK+D:PRINT"[HOME][CRSR DN]"TAB(10);CK:NEXT
30 IFCK<>12836THENPRINT"ERROR!!!":END
40 PRINT"[SHFT CLR][CTRL 9]SYS49152 TO SEE DIRECTORY.:END
50 DATA32,68,229,169,36,133,251,169,5,162,8,160,0,32,186,255,169,1,162
60 DATA251,160,0,32,189,255,32,192,255,162,5,32,198,255,32,207,255,32
70 DATA207,255,32,207,255,32,207,255,32,207,255,72,32,207,255,168,104
80 DATA170,165,144,208,22,152,32,205,189,169,32,32,210,255,32,207,255
90 DATA208,248,169,13,32,210,255,184,80,214,32,204,255,169,5,76,195,255
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DISK STAMP 64... Disk Stamp 64 lets you safely write an "invisible" copyright or identification message up to 79 characters long to your 1541-formatted, single-sided disk. Type in Disk Stamp 64 and run it, using an unimportant disk, then press the F1 key to write a new or edited message to disk. Once there's a Disk Stamp message on the disk, this program will display the invisible message. Press F5 to read another disk and press F7 to quit.

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0 REM DISK STAMP 64 - ROBERT COOK
10 PRINT"DISK STAMP 64"
20 PRINT"INSERT DISK AND PRESS SPACE"
30 GETG$:IFG$<>" "THEN30
40 OPEN15,8,15:OPEN2,8,2,"#":PRINT#15,"U1";2;0;18;0:PRINT#15,"B-P";2;177
50 FORI=1TO79:GET#2,G$:G$=G$+CHR$(0):Z$=Z$+CHR$(0)
60 IF(ASC(G$)AND127)>31THENIN$=IN$+LEFT$(G$,1):NEXT
70 PRINT"F1-WRITE TEXT TO DISK"
80 PRINT"F5-EXIT FOR NEW DISK"
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90 PRINT"F7-QUIT PROGRAM"
100 CR=LEN(IN$)+1:PRINT"[3 CRSR DN;][CTRL I]"IN$ "[CRSR LF]";
110 CP=1024+PEEK(214)*40+(PEEK(211)-40*-(PEEK(211)>39));POKE212,0
120 CC=PEEK(CP);SL=LEN(IN$)
130 POKECP,CC+128;FORI=1TO64:GETG$:IFG$=""THENNEXT
140 POKECP,CC:ON-(G$="[FUNCT I]")-(G$="[FUNCT 5]")*2-(G$="[FUNCT 7]")*3GOTO200,230,230
150 IFG$="[CRSR RT]"ANDCR<=SLTHENCNCR=CR+1:PRINTG$
160 IFG$="[CRSR LF]"ANDCR>1THENCNCR=CR-1:PRINTG$;
170 IFG$=CHR$(20)ANDSL>0ANDCR=>SLTHENIN$=LEFT$(IN$,SL-1)[CR=CR-1:PRINTG$;
180 IFG$<" "OR"ORG$>"[LEFT ARROW]"ORCR>79THEN110
190 IN$=LEFT$(IN$,CR-1)+G$+MID$(IN$,CR+1);CR=CR+1:PRINTG$;GOTO110
200 IN$=IN$+Z$:PRINT#15,"B-P";2;177
210 FORL=1TO79:PRINT#2,MID$(IN$,L,1);NEXT
220 PRINT#15,"U2";2;0;18;0
230 CLOSE2;CLOSE15:IFG$<="[FUNCT 7]"THENRUN

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C-64 SPIRAL SCREEN CLEAR... In my search for different ways of clearing the C-64's screen, I wrote Spiral Clear. This interrupt-driven utility can stay in memory until you need it. Then just type in SYS49152 in Program or Direct mode to run it. The C-64's text screen is cleared of text in a spiral motion beginning at the screen's home position. The program is fully relocatable, so you may use it with other machine language utilities.

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0 REM SPIRAL CLEAR 64 - TONY EBERLE
10 PRINTCHR$(147);SA=49152
20 FORI=SATOSA+177:READA:POKEI,A:CK=CK+A:NEXT
30 IFCK<>20112THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA":STOP
40 FOR T=1TO240:PRINT"[CTRL 9] [CTRL 0]";NEXT
50 PRINT"[CTRL 0][6 SPACE$]SYS49152 TO CLEAR SCREEN.[5 SPACE$]"
60 FOR T=1TO220:PRINT"[CTRL 9] [CTRL 0]";NEXT
70 DATA162,39,142,61,3,162,0,142,60,3,169,0,141,62,3,169,4,141,63,3,169
80 DATA192,141,64,3,169,7,141,65,3,162,24,134,2,169,0,133,251,169,4,133
90 DATA252,166,2,240,16,24,165,251,105,40,133,251,165,252,105,0,133,252
100 DATA202,208,240,172,61,3,169,32,145,251,172,60,3,145,251,198,2,16,212
110 DATA48,2,208,204,160,39,173,62,3,133,253,173,63,3,133,254,169,32,145
120 DATA253,136,16,251,160,39,173,64,3,133,253,173,65,3,133,254,169,32
130 DATA145,253,136,16,251,24,169,40,109,62,3,141,62,3,173,63,3,105,0,141
140 DATA63,3,56,173,64,3,233,40,141,64,3,173,65,3,233,0,141,65,3,160,32
150 DATA162,255,202,208,253,136,208,248,238,60,3,206,61,3,173,61,3,201,26
160 DATA208,159,96

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GRAPHIC MAGIC... You can design sprites on the glass of your video monitor with dry-erase markers, which you can buy at any art supply store. Then use your graphic program and mouse, joystick or keyboard to trace the graphic beneath the sketch drawn on the screen.

When you're done, wipe the drawing off the screen with a dry cloth, then add the finishing touches to the detail. You'll find that creating sprites this way is much easier and less time-consuming.

That's it for this month

***** WANTED *****

Someone to take over the *Run Magic* column. If you are prepared to do this, please speak to the Feedback Editor.

Carol's Kitchen

compiled by Carol Tooth

ORIENTAL LAMB

Serves: 4 Class: main course

Calories: Oriental

QTY	MEASURE	PREPARED	INGREDIENT
2	kgs	steak of	lamb
1	cup		white wine
1	clove	minced	garlic
1	tbl		soy sauce
1/4	tsp		ginger
			salt
			pepper

RICE PUDDING

Serves: 4 Class: dessert

Calories:

QTY	MEASURE	PREPARED	INGREDIENT
1	cup	cooked	rice
2		beaten	egg
2	cups		milk
1/2	cup		sugar
1	tsp		vanilla
1/2	tsp		cinnamon

ORIENTAL LAMB

Directions:

Combine wine, garlic, soy sauce and ginger. Marinate lamb turning occasionally.

Broil or grill to desired degree.

Salt and pepper to taste.

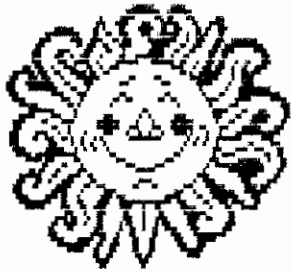
RICE PUDDING

Directions:

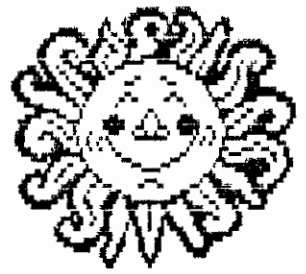
Combine all ingredients except cinnamon in a casserole dish (1 1/2 quart for standard serving). Mix thoroughly.

Place casserole in a pan filled with 1 inch deep hot water. Bake 350 deg(F) for 55 to 65 minutes (or until knife inserted halfway comes out clean).

Sprinkle with cinnamon. Serve warm or cold. Raisins can initially be added.



May 1990



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